



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2626
Docket No.: 1359.1063**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuyuki WASHIO

Serial No. 10/082,146

Group Art Unit: 2626

Confirmation No. 3420

Filed: February 26, 2002.

Examiner: VO, HUYEN X

For: SOUND SIGNAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM AND SOUND SIGNAL RECOGNITION METHOD, AND DIALOG CONTROL SYSTEM AND DIALOG CONTROL METHOD USING SOUND SIGNAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: MAIL STOP IF

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 23, 2006, setting a three-month period for payment of the Issue Fee and Publication Fee, which is set to expire June 23, 2006.

Cancellation of claims 6, 9 and 17 is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.